

## **Financial Assistance for Family Forests**

### **Cost-share Programs**

**Program Name: Conservation of Private Grazing Land Program**

**Deadline for Enrollment:** Open enrollment

**Administered By:** Natural Resource Conservation Service

**Program Description:**

The Conservation of Private Grazing Land Program (CPGL) is a voluntary program that helps owners and managers of private grazing land address natural resource concerns while enhancing the economic and social stability of grazing land enterprises and the rural communities that depend on them. CPGL provides for technical assistance from NRCS to owners and managers of private grazing land to voluntarily conserve or enhance their resources to meet ecological, economic, and social demands. This program does not include financial assistance.

**Eligible Practices:**

This assistance offers opportunities for:

- Maintaining and improving private grazing land and its management;
- Implementing grazing land management technologies;
- Protecting and improving the quality and quantity of water;
- Enhancing recreational opportunities;
- Maintaining and improving the aesthetic character of private grazing land;
- Identifying opportunities and encouraging diversification; and
- Encouraging the use of sustainable grazing systems.

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**Program Name: Conservation Reserve Program**

**Deadline for Enrollment:** Open enrollment

**Administered By:** Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Program Description:** The Conservation Reserve Program reduces soil erosion, protects the Nation's ability to produce food and fiber, reduces sedimentation in streams and lakes, improves water quality, establishes wildlife habitat, and enhances forest and wetland resources. It encourages farmers to convert highly erodible cropland or other environmentally sensitive acreage to vegetative cover, such as tame or native grasses, wildlife plantings, trees, filterstrips, or riparian buffers. Farmers receive an annual rental payment for the term of the multi-year contract. Cost sharing is provided to establish the vegetative cover practices.

Eligible Practices:

- ◆ Reforestation of riparian areas
- ◆ Establishing grassy filterstrips

◆ Site preparation

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**Program Name: Conservation Security Program**

**Deadline for Enrollment:** Open enrollment

**Administered By:** Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Program Description:**

The USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) will administer this new program. It was created to provide financial and technical assistance for the conservation, protection, and improvement of soil, water, and related resources on Tribal and private lands. Eligible lands include cropland, pasture and rangeland. Only *forested land that is an incidental part of an agricultural operation* shall be eligible for enrollment in the CSP.

**Eligible Practices:**

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**Program Name: Environmental Quality Incentives Program**

**Deadline for Enrollment:** Open enrollment

**Administered By:** Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Program Description:**

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program provides technical, educational, and financial assistance to eligible landowners to address soil, water, and related natural resource concerns on their lands in an environmentally beneficial and cost-effective manner. The program provides assistance in complying with Federal, State, and tribal environmental laws, and encourages environmental enhancement. The purposes of the program are achieved through the implementation of a conservation plan which includes structural, vegetative, and land management practices on eligible land. Five- to ten-year contracts are made with eligible landowners. Cost-share payments may be made to implement one or more eligible practices.

**Eligible Practices:**

- ◆ Establishing filter strips to reduce sedimentation
- ◆ Repairing/replacing fish-blocking culverts
- ◆ Reducing sediments from forest roads
- ◆ Tree planting to improve wildlife habitat

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**Program Name: Wetland Reserve Program**

**Deadline for Enrollment:** Open enrollment

**Administered By:** Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Program Description:**

The Wetlands Reserve Program is a voluntary program to restore wetlands. Participating landowners can establish conservation easements of either permanent or 30-year duration, or can enter into restoration cost-share agreements where no easement is involved. In exchange for establishing a permanent easement, the landowner receives payment up to the agricultural value of the land and 100 percent of the restoration costs for restoring the wetlands. The 30-year easement payment is 75 percent of what would be provided for a permanent easement on the same site and 75 percent of the restoration cost. The voluntary agreements are for a minimum 10-year duration and provide for 75 percent of the cost of restoring the involved wetlands. Easements and restoration cost-share agreements establish wetland protection and restoration as the primary land use for the duration of the easement or agreement. In all instances, landowners continue to control access to their land.

**Eligible Practices:**

- ◆ Wetland restoration or enhancement

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**Program Name: Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program**

**Deadline for Enrollment:** Open enrollment

**Administered By:** Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Program Description:**

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program provides financial incentives to develop habitat for fish and wildlife on private lands. Participants agree to implement a wildlife habitat development plan and USDA agrees to provide cost-share assistance for the initial implementation of wildlife habitat development practices. USDA and program participants enter into a cost-share agreement for wildlife habitat development. This agreement generally lasts a minimum of 10 years from the date that the contract is signed. Landowners agree to limit uses of land for length of contract.

**Eligible Practices:** Upland and riparian wildlife habitat improvement projects

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**Program Name: Washington State Ecosystems Conservation Program**

**Deadline for enrollment:** Program will accept applications July/August 2003 for 2004 funding.

**Administered By:** U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

**Program Description:**

The WSECP was established in 1991 to restore habitat for Service trust species on non-federal lands in Western Washington. Trust species include anadromous fish, threatened and endangered species, waterfowl, and neotropical birds. The Program generally provides a maximum 50% cost-share (more under special circumstances) and technical assistance to landowners who want to restore habitat on their property. Participation in the Program is voluntary, and projects are developed with the goal of fostering partnerships for the benefit of fish and wildlife resources.

Eligible Practices:

- ◆ Culvert removal to improve fish passage
- ◆ Instream restoration to improve fish habitat
- ◆ Wetland restoration
- ◆ Prairie restoration for threatened plants and animals

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**Program Name: Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program**

**Deadline for Enrollment:** Program will accept applications July/August 2003 for 2004 funding.

**Administered By:** U.S. Fish & Wildlife Program

**Program Description:**

The PFW is a voluntary habitat restoration program that provides financial and technical assistance to private landowners, Tribes and other conservation partners in Western Washington. PFW focuses on restoring habitat for migratory birds, anadromous fish, and declining plant and animal species.

**Eligible Practices:**

Projects may include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ planting native trees and shrubs and other vegetation;
- ◆ installing fencing and off-stream livestock watering facilities;
- ◆ restoring wetland hydrology;
- ◆ removal of exotic plants.

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**Program Name: Chehalis Fisheries Restoration**

**Deadline for Enrollment:** Program will accept application July/August 2003 for 2004 funding.

**Administered By:** U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

**Program Description:**

The CFRP's goal is to recover Chehalis Basin fisheries by forming partnerships with private landowners, non-profit organizations, and local, tribal, and state agencies and implementing habitat restoration, habitat assessment, and public education projects. Projects located in watersheds that are in relatively good condition, have ongoing focused restoration efforts, and that have a complete watershed assessment will be given priority for on-the-ground projects. For assessment projects, priority will be given to projects that fill identified data gaps in existing watershed assessments. For outreach projects, priority will be given to projects that are established and successful or that are new and innovative.

Projects that are located within the Chehalis River Basin, including Grays Harbor and tributaries, are eligible for funding.

**Eligible Practices:**

- ◆ Any projects that contribute to the restoration of habitat for fish species in the Chehalis River Basin

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**Program Name: Forest Land Enhancement Program**

**Deadline for Enrollment:** Open enrollment

**Administered By:** Washington State Forest Stewardship Program

**Program Description:**

The Forest Land Enhancement Program (FLEP) is a federally-funded program created by the 2002 Farm Bill to provide financial, technical, and educational assistance to family forest landowners to help them better manage their forested lands.

**Eligible Practices:**

- ◆ Forest Stewardship Plan preparation by private consultant
- ◆ Afforestation and Reforestation
- ◆ Forest Stand Improvement
- ◆ Agro-Forestry
- ◆ Water Quality and Watershed Improvement
- ◆ Fish and Wildlife Habitat Improvement
- ◆ Forest Health, Invasive Species Control

- ◆ Wildfire and Catastrophic Event Risk Reduction, Wildfire and Catastrophic Event Rehabilitation
- ◆ Special Practices

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**Program Name: Salmon Recovery Funding Board**

**Deadline for Enrollment:** Contact SRF Board or Lead Entity in your area

**Administered By:** Salmon Recovery Funding Board

**Program Description:**

Protection and/or restoration of salmon habitat. Also support feasibility assessments for future projects and other activities. All projects must come through the local lead entity group. Lead entity groups submit a prioritized list that has been evaluated by a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and reviewed and prioritized by the citizen review group.

**Eligible Practices:**

Projects benefiting salmon habitat.

**Contact information:**

Salmon Recovery Funding Board  
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P.O. Box 40917  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0917  
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<http://www.iac.wa.gov/default.htm>  
To locate the nearest lead entity group:  
[http://www.iac.wa.gov/Lead\\_Entity\\_Information.htm](http://www.iac.wa.gov/Lead_Entity_Information.htm)

## **Grant Programs**

### **Program Name: Private Stewardship Program**

**Deadline for Enrollment:** January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003

**Administered By:** U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

#### **Program Description:**

The Private Stewardship Program provides grants and other assistance on a competitive basis to individuals and groups engaged in local, private, and voluntary conservation efforts that benefit federally listed, proposed, or candidate species, or other at-risk species. Eligible projects include those by landowners and their partners who need technical and financial assistance to improve habitat or implement other activities on private lands for the benefit of endangered, threatened, candidate, proposed, or other at-risk species.

#### **Eligible Practices:**

- ◆ Restoring natural hydrology to streams or wetlands that support imperiled species
- ◆ Fencing to exclude animals from sensitive habitats
- ◆ Planting native vegetation to restore degraded habitat

#### **Contact information:**

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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[http://endangered.fws.gov/grants/private\\_stewardship.html](http://endangered.fws.gov/grants/private_stewardship.html)

### **Program Name: Five-star Restoration Challenge Grants**

**Deadline for Enrollment:** March 3, 2003

**Administered By:** National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

#### **Program Description:**

The Five-Star Restoration Program provides modest financial assistance on a competitive basis to support community-based wetland, riparian, and coastal habitat restoration projects that build diverse partnerships and foster local natural resource stewardship through education, outreach, and training activities.

Projects should involve diverse partnerships of ideally five organizations that contribute funding, land, technical assistance, workforce support, and/or other in-kind services.

#### **Eligible Practices:**

Projects must include a strong on-the-ground wetland, riparian, or coastal habitat restoration component and should also include education, outreach, and community stewardship components.

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**Program Name: Eastern Washington Pheasant Habitat Enhancement Program**

**Deadline for Enrollment:** December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year (for funding in July of following year)

**Administered By:** WA Department of Fish & Wildlife

**Program Description:**

The 1997 Washington State Legislature passed Substitute Senate Bill 5104 creating the Washington Pheasant Enhancement Program in order to increase pheasant hunting opportunities. Under this law, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is authorized to release pheasants and award grants to improve pheasant habitat. To fund this program \$10 from the small game license of each eastern Washington pheasant hunter is placed in a special account. Up to 20% of these funds may be used for pheasant habitat enhancement; approximately \$50,000 will be available annually for habitat projects.

**Eligible Practices:**

For pheasant habitat enhancement in areas that will be available for public hunting in Eastern Washington.

**Contact information:**

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## **Conservation Easements/Land Trusts Transfer of Development Rights**

**Program Name: Forestry Riparian Easement Program**

**Deadline for Enrollment:** Open Enrollment

**Administered By:** DNR's Small Forest Landowner Office

**Program Description:**

Pays a minimum of 50% of the stumpage value for trees that must be left in riparian areas in accordance to the state forest practices rules. In exchange for being compensated, landowners enroll trees in a 50-year easement.

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**Program Name: Forest Legacy Program**

**Deadline for Enrollment:** Open Enrollment

**Administered By:** WA State DNR & U.S. Forest Service

**Program Description:**

The Forest Legacy Program is a federal grant program to protect forestlands from conversion to non-forest uses. In Washington State, the program is guided by the US Forest Service and carried out through the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Through the program, federal grants pay for conservation easements and other means that prevent development. The Forest Legacy Program provides for both traditional forest uses and the protection of water, cultural resources, fish and wildlife.

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**Program Name: Conservation Easements & Land Trust**

**Deadline for Enrollment:** Open enrollment

**Administered By:** Pacific Forest Trust

**Program Description:**

The Pacific Forest Trust works in partnership with landowners, private investors, government agencies and communities to secure the lasting conservation of private, productive forestlands. As part of our Land Trust Services, the Pacific Forest Trust:

- Provides advice about conservation strategies appropriate to each landowner's needs and management situation.
- Designs, acquires and stewards conservation easements that protect forests from undesired development and guide sustainable forest management.

- Acquires and manages forestlands as examples of stewardship forestry techniques, while ensuring their permanent protection.

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**Program Name: Conservation Easements and Land Trust**

**Administered By:** Land Trust Alliance

**Program Description:**

Founded in 1982, the Land Trust Alliance is the national leader of the private land conservation movement, promoting voluntary land conservation across the country and providing resources, leadership and training to the nation's 1,200-plus nonprofit, grassroots land trusts, helping them to protect important open spaces. The Land Trust Alliance can help you contact a land trust active in your area.

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**Purchase of Development Rights and Transfer of Development Rights**

*Contact: county zoning authority to see whether such programs exist in your county.*

Washington planning and zoning laws give county and municipal governments the authority to adopt provisions for purchase of development rights and transfer of development rights. A purchase of development rights is a voluntary conservation easement that pays landowners the difference between the value of the land for agriculture or forestry and the value of the land for its potential use, which is generally residential or commercial development. Once the development rights have been sold, the land can no longer be converted to non-agriculture or forestry uses...in perpetuity.

## **Small Business Development**

### **Program Name: USDA Rural Business Cooperative Service**

**Administered by:** U.S. Department of Agriculture

#### **Program description:**

##### Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans (B&I Guar.):

Direct loans made by USDA Rural Development and loans made by conventional lenders and guaranteed by USDA Rural Development to help maintain or establish private business and industry enterprises that create employment opportunities. Limited to communities of 50,000 population or less.

##### Rural Business Opportunity Grants (RBOG):

Grants to public bodies, nonprofit corporations, Indian tribes, and cooperatives (meeting certain criteria), which will be used to assist in the economic development of rural areas.

##### Rural Cooperative Development Grants:

Grants made by USDA Rural Development to nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education for the purpose of establishing and operating centers for rural cooperative development. Grant will be used to facilitate the creation or retention of jobs in rural areas through the development of new rural cooperatives, value-added processing and rural businesses.

##### Technical Assistance for Cooperative Development:

Assistance for people interested in forming new cooperatives or existing cooperatives facing specific problems or challenges.

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